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Applicant(s): Schmitt, et al.

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 15, 2000, a response to which is due December 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to place the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

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3738 MAIL ROOM**IN THE CLAIMS:**1. (Amended) A woven textile prosthetic implant comprising: